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POST AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in West Bengal not having post and telegraph facilities, district-wise;

(b) the number of panchayat Communication Services and Telegraph offices set up/to be set up in West Bengal by the Union Government during the last 2 years, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the time bound programme prepared by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) There is no Gram Panchayat without Post facilities in West Bengal.

1,778 Nos. of Gram Panchayats in West Bengal are not having Telegraph Office facilities. The details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The number of Panchayats Communication Services and telegraph offices set up / to be set up in West Bengal during the last two years is Nil.

(c) All inhabited, accessible and undisturbed villages

(including Gram Panchayat villages) in the state of West Bengal have been provided with Village Public Telephones

(VPTs) facility. Further, at present, there is no proposal for setting up of Telegraph Offices in the State of West Bengal.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT / SECONDARY SWITCHING AREA (SSA) - WISE AVAILABILITY STATUS OF GRAM PANCHAYAT IN THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL WHERE TELEGRAPH FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE

Sl. No.	Name of the Distcitt/SSA	No. of Gram Panchayats in the State of West Bengal not having telegraph facilities.
1.	24 Paraganas(N)	111
2.	24 Paraganas(S)	228
3.	Bankura	65
4.	Birbhum	65
5.	Burdwan	79
6.	Coochbehar	49
7	Darjeeling	59
8.	Dinapur(North)	70

9.	Dinapur(Soutth)	40
10.	Hoogly	135
11.	Howrah	102
12.	Jalpaiguri	68
13.	Malda	80
14.	Midnapore	305
15.	Murshidabad	127
16.	Nadia	99
17.	Purulia	96
Total:		1,778